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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 17 December 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

a. Canceled claims have been reinstated. Claims 2-3 were canceled and then the claims were renumbered to reuse claim numbers 2-3. This is not allowed. See article 714 II C Manual of Patenting Examining Procedures (MPEP). It is also noted that in the future if it is hard to perceive a strike through as if a number as 4 has a strike through to delete it double brackets must be used instead. The claim number 4 has a strike through which can hardly be seen. Due to claims not being allowed to be renumbered this specific problem will probably not be an issue in a future amendment.

b. The reply (claims and argument) was not 1 ½ or doubled space (Title 37 C.F.R. rule 1.52). All papers in a case must have this spacing. This error also was in the original specification and abstract. A substitute specification and abstract with this correction is also required (See article 714 II. B (MPEP)).

For purposes of how the case should be amended in the future the applicant should assume that none of the amendment of 17 December 2004 has been entered and the case is as it was on 8 December 2003.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to

avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Blau whose telephone number is (571) 272-4406. The examiner is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. If the examiner is unavailable you can contact his supervisor Greg Vidovich whose telephone number is (571) 272-4415. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858. (TC 3700 Official Fax 703-872-9306)

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